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SUBJECT: Communists' Sputnik Propaganda is Attacked

The Social Democratic newspaper Arbetet in Malmö comments November 24 on a Communist news item as follows:

In Stockholm
 → "The Communist Ny Dag is now inviting those interested to become members in Sputnik clubs. The qualifications for admission are not forbidding: *Anyone* can become members who at least once have seen Sputnik I or Sputnik II. The purpose of the Sputnik clubs is 'to enlighten people about our time's immense progress in science and technology through expert information, talks, lectures and films,' it is said. The fun costs three crowns (60 cents). *Obviously, the intent is to attract people to Communism. The activation of such clubs in other areas would provide an easy method of attracting the attention of the Party to a large, new member.*
 "As can be seen, it is not only rocket technique that advances. Methods for attracting the masses to world bolshevism are also modernized at Sputnik pace. We can only wish these Communist-front Sputnik clubs the same fate which awaits the Sputniks themselves: they do fine as long as they stay away from our planet; when they approach it they will be destroyed."

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